

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Favorable reconsideration of this application, in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

II. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-9 and 27-32 are pending. By the present amendment, Claims 49-63 are cancelled.

III. SUMMARY OF THE OFFICE ACTION

In the February 17, 2011 Office Communication, the claims were restricted between Group I, Claims 1-9 and 49-52; and Group II, Claims 27-32 and 53-63, as allegedly being directed to distinct inventions.

IV. ELECTION

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect Group I including Claims 1-9 with traverse. Applicants submit that Claims 27-32 of Group II should be included with the examination of Claims 1-9.

More specifically, Applicants submit that contrary to the suggestions in the Office Communication, the method Claims 1-9 and the product Claims 27-32 do have a general inventive concept in common. Method claim 1 is distinguished from the prior art by at least the step of “cutting the substrates...so that said serpentine conductor elements are cut from their larger substrate back-to-back with similarly oriented element portions of the serpentine conductor elements being cut from common parts of the larger substrate across a width of the substrate”. Product Claim 27 correspondingly relates to an HTS conductor or cable “comprising a number of transposed conductor elements ... cut in a longitudinally extending serpentine form from a larger substrate back-to-back with similarly oriented element portions being cut from common parts of the larger substrate across the width of the larger substrate”.

Consequently, Applicants submit that method Claims 1-9 and product Claims 27- 32 have corresponding inventive concepts and should be examined together.

V. CONCLUSION

In view of the election above, Applicant respectfully requests prompt examination on the merits of Claims 1-9 and 27-32.

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Please charge any shortage of fees or credit any overpayment thereof to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (105967.00763). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this report, Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized above.

Respectfully submitted,

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